

MENACE TO NATION IN COMBINATIONS

Annual Report of U. S. Commerce
Commissioners Excoriates Harri-
man Rail Combination—Fears End
of Competition.

Washington, Jan. 10.—That combination of railways which has caused so effective a check on the movement of commerce; that monopoly of the country and that many of the financial and industrial interests of the nation; the protection of the monopolists and un-American in the opinion of the interstate commerce commission, are the subjects of an annual report of that body which was presented to congress yesterday.

Two captions are given to the report: "Maximum methods and controlling stocks in competing lines." It is permitted to continue it as well means as to the control of the railways in conformity to public policy as well as unlawful for railways to acquire control of the country.

This policy is expressed in the federal laws and in the constitutions and laws of nearly every state in the union.

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and that the railway managements almost without exception have accepted the amended law in good faith and have tried to conform to it in every respect.

Reference is made to the coal and oil investigation recently completed by the commission and the recom-

recommendations of the commission are reiterated, especially that the roads be required to divorce themselves from any financial interests in the coal properties. It is related that many efforts have been made during the year to induce the commission to loosen the restriction surrounding the ownership of free transportation, but

It is held that a narrow interpretation of the law in this respect is best in all interests.

On the committee appointed by the commission to investigate the block signaling and automatic train stopping devices is carefully gone into in this connection.

It is pointed out that the desire to lay special stress upon the casualties of railroads. Accidents continue to occur from such causes.

There is a well-known reproach to the railroad profession of America. The record for the year was 5,000 killed and 76,280 injured.

On the head of statistics it is shown that the railroads during the year ending June 30 last earned \$2,893,913,000.

—CITY OF FEBRUARY, 1905

THOUSANDS STRICKEN.

**Peculiar Malady in Lansing, Mich.
Due to Atmospheric Conditions.**

Detroit, Mich., Jan. 10.—A special t
the Free Press, from Lansing, Mich
says:
"Whether from the flight of bacill
over the city, from deleterious matte
n the city water, or from some un
known cause, Lansing was seized by
a strange malady some time durin
Tuesday night, thousands being su

"From midnight until morning and all during the forenoon calls for phy-

patients were incessant. Whole families were stricken. Two boys were found in the street too ill to make further progress. The disease, which most physicians attribute to atmospheric conditions, yielded readily to treatment. Fifteen city teachers and hundreds of pupils were absent from school. All the stores were short of help. Secretary Schumwan, of the board of health, suspecting that something was wrong with the city water supply, took steps to have an analysis made, but it was not completed that day. It was learned late last night that outside the water works the dis-

Fire in Cobalt Store.—Cobalt, Jan. 11.—Banda Bros' general store in the north end was burned at midnight. The stock was valued at \$7,000, with insurance of \$2,000.

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present were Mr. and Mrs. George Downes, of Toronto, parents of the groom; Miss Miamie Downes, sister of the groom; Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Downes, of Pittsburg, Pa.; Mrs. Stuart, of Toronto; Mrs. Arthur Heusman, of Bronx, N.Y., sister of the bride's father; Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Piper, of Thorold; Miss Alice Keans, of Palmerston, and Miss Nettie Brown, of Toronto.

Telegrams of congratulations were received from many friends.

LOCALS.

The Oddfellows' lodge of this city will hold a public installation of officers on Monday night, Jan. 13th, at eight o'clock p.m. in their lodge room on the third floor of the Odd-

A preparatory service for the Sacrament next Sunday was held last night in the Presbyterian Church at Stratford.

"Redeeming the Time" will be the subject of the discourse in the Methodist Church Sunday morning, and in the afternoon the subject will be "Where

The Sunday school workers of the Strathcona electoral district will meet in convention in Strathcona next Thursday and Friday, January 16th and 17th. A number of prominent speakers, including Mr. Stuart Muir head will be present.

Next Wednesday night will be Leap Year Night at the Strathcona rink and the band will be in attendance.

that evening, instead of Tuesday when the second of the league hockey matches will be played.

On Tuesday evening next, January 14, "The Associated Young Men

14. The Associated Young Men's Clubs hold their first session of Mock Parliament in the basement of the

at a sister church. The speaker, Hon. J. R. Lavell, will take his seat at 5:30 p.m., when the house will be duly opened, and the speech from the Throne delivered by His Honor. The Lieutenant-Governor is Orlando Bush. A cordial invitation is extended to all. There will be no admission fee charged.

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The formal opening of the new Norwood Baptist Church will take place tomorrow, Rev. Dr. Carey Street and Willow ave. service in the morning, commencing at eleven o'clock. Rev. C. A. Myers will officiate. Entertainment in connection with the services. The following are assisting: singing, Rev. Dr. McQuinn, Rev. C. A. Myers, Mrs. A. S. Tuttle, Rev. Mr. J. E. Douglas, Rev. J. Jayffay, Rev. J. M. Taylor. All will give addresses. A musical program will follow and refreshments served. The Rev. Dr. Carey Street will deliver the address work for the present in connection with the new church, Mr. Campbell will have charge of the choir. The church is a frame structure, 36 by 52 feet and has a seating capacity of about 700 persons. It was erected last fall. When the demand calls for more space additional alterations can be made. The church will open under favorable auspices. The membership will be in the neighborhood of 80. There are many families who will be identified with the church. The first service will be held a week from Sunday.

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Went Back of Conciliation.—**Jan. 11.**—The employees of Ensmaking and Hudson's Bay who were recently were released from the labor department for a conciliation and a conference

Proclaimed Sultan.—**Hasid**, the son of the Sultan Muhi Abdul Aziz, who was exiled from Japan by the former sultan of Marrakech, has now been proclaimed the Tanguer correspondent of the Times, being previously a Tanguer correspondent of the Marseilles correspondent says it is impossible to exaggerate the importance of the event.

The Czarina Worse.—**St. Petersburg**, Jan. 11.—Reports of the illness of the Czarina Alexandra are so numerous that it is difficult to know which is the true one. The latest reports are that she is of her illness called some days ago by the St. Petersburg correspondent of the Times, "the Czarina of the Crimea," from which she is suffering her illness is not so serious as is reported. The Czarina is not so much as is reported, but she is not so well as is reported. Her illness has not been so serious as is reported, but she is not so well as is reported.

These letters were sent in envelopes addressed to the minister of the mother of Joel's brother in Pretoria, and he advised that an absolutely infallible method of detecting the letters was to make a short to prove evidence against them."

There was brought out that in London, the detective referred to, had taken down Van Vethuizen's name from the list of persons who were being arrested in Paris, telling him to go back to Joel and tell him to go to the police and ask them to let him go to advise Joel to read that letter at the same time."

Van Vethuizen answered the detective that he had never seen the letter, but in response to further questions he said he had seen the letter and that he would tell Van Vethuizen that any statement he should make would be used against him.

In view of this fact and the strength of the counsel who are conducting the case, it is not surprising that there is a pretty good chance that the prisoner will again slip from the clutches of the police.

Determined, however, a number of the council will have to be brought to the attention of the court.

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—Blackmail the Charge—Prisoner Says Revenge is Motive For Prose-

In view of this fact and the strength of the counsel who are conducting Von Veltheim's defence, there seems to be a pretty good chance that the prisoner will again slip from the clutches of the law. Before the case will be finally determined, however, a number of witnesses will have to be brought to London from South Africa.

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